

From: [Moon, Wally](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:46:00 AM

I believe this is the total amount the Removal Program spent on contractors for the initial site visit in 2015 to see ADEC's chosen location, and the production of the design in 2016-17. As you can imagine, contractors need to charge all their time (nothing comes free) and this figure likely represents all the costs we paid them for time, project management and travel.

To answer "what EPA spent on the project?", I can't speak to what would be included in that calculation as this would be something that is likely more involved and produced according to accounting practices or some legal definition that I'm not familiar with.

Can I ask why you are so concerned with this cost so that I may be able to clarify better? However, this is the best I can do for actual numbers.

Wally

Wally Moon | Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Region 10
Office of Environmental Cleanup – Emergency Management Program
Spill Prevention and Removal Unit
p: 206.553.6323 | c: 206.419.2682 | moon.wally@epa.gov
EPA Region 10 Spill Line 206.553.1263
National Response Center 800.424.8802

From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Moon, Wally
Subject: Re: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Wally,

Thank You for responding to my questions. Just one more to clarify. Is this amount \$133,035.63, what EPA spent on the project?

Thank-You

(b) (6)

From: Moon, Wally <Wally@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:40 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Hi Mr. (b) (6) ,

I asked my staff to put together a cost summary. We spent the following in contractor expense:

Science and technical \$128,084.49

Other 4,951.14

TOTAL \$133, 035.63

Please understand this is not a certified cost expenditure meaning that there may be some inaccuracies. However, this is what we can provide with a minimal amount of effort.

Wally

Wally Moon | Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Region 10
Office of Environmental Cleanup – Emergency Management Program
Spill Prevention and Removal Unit
p: 206.553.6323 | c: 206.419.2682 | moon.wally@epa.gov
EPA Region 10 Spill Line 206.553.1263
National Response Center 800.424.8802

From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Moon, Wally <Moon.Wally@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Wally,

Thank you for providing the estimated information. I would like to see what money was spent on the project and the amounts in greater detail. Again I appreciated you looking into this and providing the information to my request.

Thank-You

(b) (6)

From: Moon, Wally <Moon.Wally@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Hi Mr. (b) (6)

Let me inquire with my staff about the money spent on the assessment and design cost. For greater detail, it may take me some time. I do believe we spent somewhere between \$75-100k for the contractor to provide the design. Please understand that this is an estimate off the top of my head. If this suffices, please let me know as it would save us time and resource to produce a more accurate cost.

Thanks for your patience.

Wally

Wally Moon | Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Region 10
Office of Environmental Cleanup – Emergency Management Program
Spill Prevention and Removal Unit
p: 206.553.6323 | c: 206.419.2682 | moon.wally@epa.gov
EPA Region 10 Spill Line 206.553.1263
National Response Center 800.424.8802

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Moon, Wally <Moon.Wally@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Wally,

I appreciate the response to my letter. I do have a question. How much was the financial contribution from EPA and/or other federal agencies to the Wrangell ADEC Project? Could you provide financial documents showing how much EPA and/or other federal agencies spent on

the project. What was the cost of the design that EPA Provided to AKDEC?

Thank-You

(b) (6)

From: Moon, Wally <Moon.Wally@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:56 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: EPA involvement at the Wrangell ADEC Project

Dear Mr. (b) (6) ,

I apologize for the time it has taken me to respond. My Office Director, Sheryl Bilbrey, has asked me to respond to your inquiry and I'm happy to provide you any information that will help. EPA's involvement has included conducting a Targeted Brownfields Assessment, additional assessment in consideration of EPA conducting a removal action, and finally providing an engineering design for a soil repository to be used by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to address the contaminated soil found at the former Byford property. The Office of Environmental Cleanup was assisting ADEC and the City of Wrangell as they were considering a solution to the human and ecological risks posed by the former junkyard. At one point, EPA was hoping to secure enough funding to conduct the cleanup but with budget shortfalls, EPA was not able to secure the funding. One of my staff and myself have been in communications with ADEC and the U.S. Forest Service as issues about the project have recently arisen. I understand a public meeting was held this week.

That's the extent of our involvement to date that I'm aware of. I understand that the workings of our agency may not be familiar to you, so I'd be happy to answer more questions or elaborate if you wish. My contact information is below.

I hope this is helpful,

Wally Moon

Good Afternoon Sheryl,

I live in Wrangell where the proposed monofill site to dispose of the contaminated soil from the Byford property. I have a couple questions:

1. To what extent was EPA Region 10 involved?
2. Did EPA contribute in any way to the project and if so to what extent?

Thank-You

(b) (6)

Wally Moon | Manager

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Region 10

Office of Environmental Cleanup – Emergency Management Program

Spill Prevention and Removal Unit

p: 206.553.6323 | c: 206.419.2682 | moon.wally@epa.gov

EPA Region 10 Spill Line 206.553.1263

National Response Center 800.424.8802